mightily diminish his reputation, foreseeing his overthrow,
chained as it were by destiny to this journey

Others say that my Lord of Essex goeth not forth to serve the Queen's realm but to humour his own revenge Two or three of the Lord Mountjoy's kindred are being sent out in the army; they are to report all his conduct at home If my Lord perform in the field what he hath promised in the Council, all will be well, but though the Queen hath granted him forgiveness for his demeanour in her presence, we know not what to think hereof She hath in all outward semblance placed confidence in the man who so lately sought other treatment at her hands : yet some sore fear what may happen hereafter If the old Lord Treasurer had lived longer, matters would go on surer He was our great pilot on whom all cast their eyes and sought their safety The Queen doth often speak of him in *ears and turn aside when he is discoursed of, nay, even forbiddeth any mention to be made of his name in the Council

$th January ENGLISH PRISONERS RELEASED.

Of late there came to Dartmouth a hulk of 400 tons burden, kden with salt from Lisbon, bringing in her 90 English prisoners lately discharged from prison there

6tb January BACKWARDNESS IN THE CITY

There is much backwardness amongst the citizens that have been nominated to furnish the money required at this time by her Majesty, and amongst them divers of good and sufficient ability which by their example of undutifulness do make others the more perverse. These are now summouied to make their appearance before the Council

jtb January. SOLDIERS FROM THE Low COUNTRIES FOR IRELAND.

Sir William Knollys is despatched to the Low

Countries with 2,000 men levied in England in exchange for 2,000 old soldiers that shall be conducted to Ireland by Sir Henry Docwra , they shall be taken, 1,400 from the companies of Sir Francis Vere that are in the field, and 600 from Sir Edward Noms and the garrison of Ostend; and if there be any want in the numbers they shall be supplied out of Sir Robert Sidney's garrison at Flushing